संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) : (क) से (ग) जी, नहीं। तथापि भारत सरकार ने 13-5-94 को एक राष्ट्रीय दूरसंचार नीति घोषित की है जिसका उद्देश्य देश में दूरसंचार सेवाओं का विस्तार करना और उन्हें आधुनिक बनाना है। इस नीति के तहत भारतीय पंजीकृत कम्पनियों की मूलभूत एवं मूल्य वर्द्धित दूरसंचार सेवाओं में भाग लेने के लिये आमंत्रित किया जा रहा है।

Malpractices in MTNL's Tatkal Scheme

1238. SHRI G. Y. KRISHANAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been invited to the news-item "quick gains on Tatkal Connections" appearing in the "Economic Times", New Delhi dated the 26th February, 1995;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the preventive measures being taken against such malpractices and the irregularties inherent in the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam's Tatkal Scheme for out-of-turn connections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (c) Sir, information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Telephone and Post Services in Haryana

1239. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the villages in Haryana are havng post offices; if not, what are the plans of the Department to connect the entire popuation with post offices;

(b) what is the total number of requests pending before Government for installation of telephones in the rural and urban areas of the State separately, and by when the list is proposed to be completed;

(c) whether Government have any plans to eradicate various problems being faced by the subscribers like inflated bills, faulty lines, faulty and held up telephones, cross talk, one way speech, dead telephones, permanent dial tone, computerised message-route busy, etc; and

(d) by when Government propose to provide trouble-free services to the subscribers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) There are 6759 villages in Haryana, out of them 2270 have post offices. During the first two years of the Plan period, 35 post offices have been sanctioned in Haryana. It is proposed to open 14 post offices in the State in 1994-95. Post Officers are opened progressively under Plan Scheme, subject to the fulfilment of departmental norms and availability of resources.

(b) The total number of requests pending for instollation of telepones in the State of Haryana as on 28-2-95 in rural and urban areas are as under:—

(i) Rural private telephone		7904
(ii) Urban private telephone		66677
	Total -	74581
(iii) Rural village public telephone		1054

The requests at (i) and (ii) are planned to be full filled by March 1996. Rural VPTS are likely to be provided by the year 1997.

(c) The Department of Telecommunications has taken various steps to eradicate problems faced by the subscribers and to minimise the instances of inflated bills which are as under:—

(i) Efforts are being made through implemenation of the successive plans to upgrade the existing facilities by incorporating new technologies.

(ii) Replacement of life-expired underground cables by new cable.

(iii) Introduction of computerisation of services.

(iv) Rehabilitation and upgradation of the external plant.

(v) Provision of dynamic STD locking facility to customers of electronic exchanges.

(vi) Surprise checks by vigilance.

(vii) Locking of D.Ps, Cabinets, Pillars and other vulnerable points.

(viii) Strict disciplnary action against employees found involved; and

(ix) Computerisation of telephone billing.

(d) For(i) and (ii) of part (b), the Department of Telecommunications is inducting only latest state of art digital electronic exchange. For (iii) of part (b), mostly radio based latest systems are being planned.

Noticeable improvelent in service is expected when the telecom. network becomes fully electronic and the external plant is fully upgraded.

Awarding the contract for cellular phones

1240. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the contract for cellular phones has been granted to a firm, in violation of the norms and rules in this regard;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Delhi High Court and the Supreme Court had passed adverse remarks in this connections:

(d) if so, what are the circumstances under which the remarks of the High Court and the Supreme Court were ignored in awarding the contract: and

(e) what procedure was followed by Government in awarding the contract for cellular phones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) No Sir, the criteria of evaluation laid down by the Department of Telecom has been examined in detail and uphold by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi and the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The orders given by the courts were duly impemented while awarding the contracts.

(e) The tenders were evaluated in two stages. In the first stage the bidders were shortlisted based on eligibility, commercial and technical conditions. In the second stage the financial bids of the shortlisted bidders were evaluated.

Transfer of licence for Cellular Mobile phone service in Delhi

1241. SHRI SATISH AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cellular Mobile Services licence issued for Delhi to Sterling Computers is proposed to be transferred to ESSAR Group.

(b) if so, the terms and conditions of such transfer: and

(c) whether it has been brought to the notice of the Ministry that ESSAR